Marius Mercier

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Education

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod   *Expected graduation*: Fall 2027
PhD Psychology   *Paris, FR*
- Supervisor: Hugo Mercier
- Thesis: How do we infer other's competence?

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)   2021 – 2024
MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma   *Paris, FR*
- Supervisor: Hugo Mercier
- Final Year Ranking: 1/78
- Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities

University of Princeton   Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023
Visiting Student Research Collaborator   *Princeton, NJ, USA*
- Supervisor: Alin Coman

University of Cambridge   Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023
Visiting Research Student   *Cambridge, UK*
- Supervisor: Lee de-Wit

Sciences Po Bordeaux   2018 – 2021
BA Political Studies   *Bordeaux, FR*

University Paul Valéry   2018 – 2021
BA Philosophy   *Montpellier, FR*

Publications

[1]*first author*

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. **Mercier, M.**[1], Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025). How wise is the crowd: Can we infer people are accurate and competent merely because they agree with each other? *(Accepted with minor revisions in Personality and Individual Differences).*

Working Papers

2. **Mercier M.**[1], Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025). The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *(Under review)*

1. Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., **Mercier, M.**, ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. *(Under review)*

Teaching

Courses

Human Behaviour Culture and Societies | *École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)*   2024 – 2025
- Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course
- Taught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André

Student internship supervision

1. Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate*   2024
2. Clementine Allais, *undergraduate*   2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist   2023 – Present
Noèse
Radio Columnist   2021
La Grâce Matinale & Anachroniques
Popular Science Writer   2021
Phébé, Le Point
Private Teacher   2014 – 2021

SCIENCE OUTREACH

1. **Mercier M.** (2021). Pourquoi nous créons des mondes imaginaires, Phébé, Le Point.

2. **Mercier M.** (2021). Le mal n'est pas un concept allant de soi, Phébé, Le Point.